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Proceedings of the Sixty-eighth Annual Session of the Jud-
son Association, held with the church at Shiloh, Itawamba
County, Mississippi, September 14, 15, 16, 1920.

Time and place of next meeting: Tuesday after the second
Lord's day in September, 1921, with the church at Tombigbee,
Itawamba County, 3 miles east of Mantachie.

Officers of the Association.

Elder W. G. Gray, Moderator, Dorsey, Miss.
M. M. Gray, Clerk, Dorsey, Miss.
T. R. Nichols, Treasurer, Ratliff, Miss.

Ordained Ministers.

J. R. G. Gregory, Mooreville, Miss.
J. B. Loden, A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.
G. S. Rayburn, Ratliff, Miss.
W. W. Jarrell, Fulton, Miss.
W. O. Thornley, Saltillo, Miss.
S. S. Houston, Marietta, Miss.

Licentiates.

W. D. Cayson, Ratliff, Miss.

The Judson Association met in its Sixty-eight Session with the church at Shiloh, Itawamba County, Mississippi, September 14, 15, 16, 1920.

Introductory sermon by Elder W. G. Gray. Text: 2 Tim. 3:16-17: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

"That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

After which the Association took a recess until 2 p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Leigh.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended to give Bro. J. E. Bird an opportunity to speak for 15 minutes on the subject of Sunday schools and Bible teaching, which he did ably. Also Eld. Kembrugh for 15 minutes on the subject of literary education.

Then the Association resumed the regular order of business. The list of churches was called and letters presented. W. M. Gillentine and S. Barber were appointed as reading clerks, and letters read and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Unity—W. M. Gillentine, Dexter Raper, W. E. Farrar, J. E. Edge, alternate.

Shiloh—Green Ryan, L. C. Barnes, O. W. Houston, S. R. Boren.

Tombigbee—G. S. Rayburn, L. F. Thomas, R. F. Roberts, J. L. Baley.

Hopewell—A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray, W. Wood, J. F. Gardner, M. M. Gray, C. L. Martin, alternate.

Mt. Vernon—J. G. Jarrell, A. B. Beasley, Jim Waddle, Pink Adams.

Ratliff—A. E. Hillard, T. R. Nicholls, J. E. Cummings, W. C. Nichols.

Friendship—J. W. Thornberry, W. O. Thornley, J. T. Malone, Lyda Magers.

Oak Grove—W. H. Leigh, S. Barber, E. F. Grissom, F. E. Beene, G. R. Nabers.

Bethel—J. B. Loden, T. A. Bean, J. M. Tacket, W. A. Chatham, J. C. Comer, W. E. Ballard.

Liberty—W. N. Owings, D. L. Ridings, A. G. Ridings, Dan Brown.

On motion, entered into permanent organization. W. Wood and A. T. Bean were appointed tellers of the election. Result: Moderator, W. G. Gray; clerk, M. M. Gray; treasurer, T. R. Nichols.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator: On Arrangements, G. S. Rayburn, W. E. Walker, A. E. Sandlin.

Report following order of business: Devotion, State of Religion, Sunday Schools, Missions, Associational Missions, Sustentation, Widows, Orphans, Etc., Temperance, Fraternal

Dead, Music, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Support, Church Discipline, Publications, Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning, Finance.

Other committees follow:

Devotion—F. E. Beene, J. C. Comer, and deacons of Shiloh church.

State of Religion—W. H. Leigh, Will Farrar, J. T. Malone.

Sunday Schools—W. Wood, Cliff Nichols, J. E. Edge.

Missions—G. S. Rayburn, Eddie Grissom, W. E. Walker.

Associational Missions—A. E. Sandlin, T. R. Nichols, A. E. Hillard.

Sustentation—S. Barber, O. W. Houston, A. T. Bean.

Temperance—W. M. Gillentine, A. B. Beasley, J. G. Ryan.

Fraternal Dead—J. F. Gardner, Jim Waddle, Dexter Raper.

Music—S. Barber, A. T. Bean, L. C. Barnes.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Devotional Committee report no preaching tonight.

On motion, adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, by singing, reading of 1st Timothy, 1st chapter, by G. S. Rayburn. Prayer led by A. E. Sandlin.

Minutes of Tuesday read and approved.

On motion, speakers were limited to five minutes and three minutes for the second speech on each subject.

Committee on State of Religion report as follows:

We believe that the state of religion in the bounds of this Association is in a more flourishing condition this year by statistics of baptisms. From the report of the churches through the letters there have been added to the churches by experience and baptism one hundred seven members and his children greatly revived and built up spiritually. This should encourage us, for God has promised to bless his people when they serve Him.

W. H. LEIGH,

W. E. FARRAR,

J. T. MALONE, Committee.

After remarks by A. E. Sandlin et al., the committee report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

The Sunday school is not designed to supersede but to aid family instructions. It must be remembered always that religious training in the family cannot be dispensed with. Parental obligations can no more be transferred than parental relations can be changed. But it may be assumed as a fact that those parents who are the most faithful in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord most gladly avail themselves of the aid furnished by Sunday school instruction. And, then, how many ungodly parents are to be found everywhere who are incompetent to give their children religious training, and who would not if they were competent. Are those children to be uncared for? No. Nor those whose

parents are dead. The sympathies of all generous hearts are enlisted in behalf of orphans.

All children are suitable subjects for the Sunday schools, whether their parents are pious or ungodly or dead.

Let all the children be gathered together on the Lord's day to receive religious training. Superintendents and teachers of Sunday schools must remember that Scriptural instruction is the one thing to be kept in view. Literary instruction, properly so-called, is given in week-day-schools.

The impartation and reception of Scriptural knowledge are the distinguishing features of the Sunday school. We believe that great care should be exercised in the selection of Sunday school libraries.

Books inculcating erroneous views must be rejected and the literature provided for the children must be religious, and evangelical Sunday school teachers should make it a point to urge by personal appeal the claims of the Gospel on every scholar. And every such appeal ought to be preceded by earnest prayer to God for his blessings. For without His favor no effort to do good will be successful. With His approving smiles no effort will be unsuccessful. We think it proper to say a few words as to the relation of Sunday schools to the churches. Ordinarily these schools are formed by the churches, and are permitted to use their houses of worship, and we further believe they should be carried on under the general direction of the churches and be held responsible thereto. A church should regard its Sunday school as one of the agencies by which to meet its obligations to turn the rising generation in the fear of God, and when this is the case the church is really at work in the Sunday school.

It would be a happy circumstance if facts would authorize this definition of a Sunday school: A church actively at work on the Lord's day for good of the children.

The classes in the school should be composed not simply of children, but also of the grown up people in the neighborhood, grandfathers and grandmothers, fathers and mothers, and men and women.

The school should be considered one of the regular meetings of the church. Pastors should summons the entire people to assemble on the Lord's day, either as teachers or as pupils. It should be considered as strange for father and mothers to stay away from the Bible classes as for boys and girls to absent themselves from Sunday school.

And we favor that the pastor will speak to his congregations on this topic three minutes before sermon each Lord's day for one year: Matt. 28:19-20.

W. WOOD,

W. C. NICHOLS,

J. E. EDGE, Committee.

After remarks by G. S. Rayburn and others, the committee's report was adopted.

Devotional Committee reported that Elder G. S. Rayburn

preach at 11 o'clock.

Recess was taken until 1 o'clock. During recess Eld. G. S. Rayburn preached an interesting sermon. Text, Ephesians 2:10; For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Association opened with a song prayer led by J. F. Gardner.

Letters from Evergreen and Mantachie handed in and Messengers enrolled as follow:

Evergreen—Shellie Nabers, Webb Armstrong, Mat Armstrong, William McMaster.

Mantachie—J. B. Grimes, A. J. Morris, M. D. Bailey, A. S. Kirksey, B. F. Chilcoat.

Report on missions read as follows:

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following: We understand that the command "Go teach all nations," was given to the church, therefore every member of the church is responsible to help to preach the Gospel. We believe our first duty is to preach the Gospel to our home people. We should see that our associational field is thoroughly worked and then go as far as we can in other fields.

G. S. RAYBURN,

W. E. WALKER, Committee.

After remarks by W. O. Thornley and others, the committee's report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Finance—B. F. Chilcoat, J. G. Jarrell, Dexter Raper.

On Ministerial Education—A. J. Morris, W. M. Gillentine, F. E. Beene.

On Ministerial Support—W. O. Thornley, Jim Waddle, O. W. Houston.

On Church Discipline—W. Wood, W. H. Leigh, W. C. Nichols.

On Publications—G. S. Rayburn, L. C. Barnes, J. F. Gardner.

On Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning—W. O. Thornley, A. E. Sandlin, J. E. Edge.

On motion, the subject of Minute funds was referred back to the churches.

Then the report of Committee on Associational Missions was read as follows: We your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following: Matthew 28:19-20; "Jesus commanded his church to go teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He had commanded them, and said 'Lo, I am with you all way, even unto the end of the world.'" We believe that the Lord was speaking to every member of the church.

We do not say that all can go out and preach, but that they can help those who can preach to go out. We do not believe

that God has a single child for whom He has no work, and we do not believe that work is out of reach of any of His children; many times the work in our homes or in our neighbors' homes.

We recommend that each Messenger go back to his home and take up this work with his church and may the work be pushed until we have carried the Gospel of glad tidings to every nook and corner of the Old Judson Association.

A. E. SANDLIN,

T. R. NICHOLS,

A. E. HILLARD, Committee.

At this time Elds. W. G. Gray, G. S. Rayburn, W. O. Thornley and A. E. Sandlin made verbal reports as Associational Missionaries showing that a good deal of work had been done as the minutes of their respective churches will show.

After remarks by W. Wood and others, the committee's report was adopted.

Then the Treasurer reported as follows: For Minutes and Clerk, \$30.61; for Orphanage, \$13.00; for Foreign Missions, \$2.25; from Liberty Church to Eld. W. G. Gray, \$7; from Mantachie Church to Eld. W. O. Thornley, \$12; from Oak Grove Church to Eld. W. O. Thornley, \$6.35; from Tombigbee Church to Elds. W. G. Gray and G. S. Rayburn, \$6.69. Balance in treasury, \$4.15.

W. H. LEIGH, Treasurer.

The Committee on Sustentation reported as follows: We do not know of any who need assistance. We recommend that if any of the churches find those who are in destitute circumstances that it is our duty to help them.

S. BARBER,

TRACY BEAN,

O. W. HOUSTON, Committee.

After remarks by Eld. W. G. Gray, the committee's report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows: In God's word we are taught to be temperate in all things. So we wish to impress upon the churches the importance of temperance and of teaching temperance especially to the young converts and to all with whom we are associated, not only in strong drink, but in all things; for we should ever be careful to be temperate. We ask each church to use every effort possible to assist our officers and the law to put a stop to strong drink.

A. B. BEASLEY, Committee.

W. M. GILLENLINE,

After remarks by S. Barber and others, the committee's report was adopted.

Received of Treasurer as Minute fund, \$38.42.

On motion, adjourned until 9 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning Session.

The Association opened by singing and reading fourth chapter of Isaiah, prayer led by Eld. W. O. Thornley.

Then the Committee on Music reported as follows:

We believe that music is of divine origin. Read Job 38:7. In serving God music has always been a beautiful accompaniment of worship. Heartfelt congregational singing stands second to the preached Gospel in uplifting and inspiring the souls of men. How beautiful and how glorious it is to worship the Lord with a vast arrangement of hymnal and choral music adapted for that purpose. Not only at the church are we built up of music, but in our homes and in our daily occupations as well.

He that believes in, prays to, and works for, the Lord should always be attuned with the songs of Zion. A religion without music is a religion without love or life.

In sadness and in gladness the Christian draws through music his soul and inspiration to a great extent and in the Gospel work he finds music a mighty force with which to overcome the powers of evil and break the impenitent heart. The chimes of sacred music go straight to the heart through the ear.

Read what we are taught to do. Job 35:9-10; Psalms 32:7; Psalms 33:3. Music is one thing we can exercise on earth and in Heaven. Rev. 5:9; Rev. 14:3; Rev. 15:3.

We find in some of our churches that singing is being neglected; therefore we do earnestly urge the churches to have music taught by Christian teachers for the benefit of the churches. For we are taught in Col. 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

S. BARBER,
TRACY BEAN,
L. C. BARNES, Committee.

After remarks by Eld. G. S. Rayburn and others, the committee's report was adopted.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead reported as follows: We find our dead are:

Liberty—Gertie Edwards, Earley Holly and Bro. Bob Brown.

Oak Grove—T. M. Meeks.

Bethel—Eld. N. T. Clayton, Synthia Tacket, Rosaline Franks, Sam Franks.

Hopewell—Bro. C. W. Wood.

Unity—Bro. Frank Whitaker.

Friendship—Sister Buchanan.

Evergreen—Sister Emma Swan.

Mantachie—Bro. G. W. Bailey.

Psalms 72:14, "He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in His sight." Psalms 116:15, "Precious in His sight is the death of His saints." I Cor. 15:55, "O, death, where is thy sting? O, grave where is thy victory?" Rev. 14:13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; Yea, saith the spirit

that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

These, our Brethren and Sisters, are gone from this dark world of sin to live with God's redeemed host throughout eternity.

J. F. GARDNER,

D. C. RAPER,

J. S. WADDLE, Committee.

After remarks by Elds. W. O. Thornley, W. G. Gray, G. S. Rayburn and A. E. Sandlin, the committee's report was adopted.

Then the Moderator announced the following as a committee on resolutions, viz: W. M. Gillentine, J. T. Malone, A. J. Morris.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows: Since the commission was given to the church to preach the Gospel, we believe it is the duty of the church to help prepare its ministers so that they can go forth and preach the word. Paul said to Timothy in Sec. Timothy 4:1-2, "I charge thee, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom. Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exort, with all long suffering and doctrines." Paul also said to Timothy in Second Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

In Romans 10:14, we also find this Scripture: "How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" So we believe that it is the duty of the preacher to study the Word. We also believe it the duty of the church to stand by our ministers in a financial way so they can prepare themselves to meet all kinds of doctrines and heresy.

W. M. GILLENTINE, Committee.

A. J. MORRIS,

On motion, the report on Ministerial Support was read also.

The Committee on Ministerial Support reported as follows:

We heartily advocate the support of the ministry. (1) Because it is in accordance with the teachings of God's word, for in Acts 6th chapter we find that the church elected deacons to care for the secular affairs, so the preachers could give themselves continually to prayer and ministry of the word of God. (2) We find in Luke 10:7 and I Timothy 5:18, that God says the laborer is worthy of his hire, hence it is a worthy cause and ought to be cared for by the churches. (3) In Romans 10:15, Paul refers to the preacher being sent and of the necessity of sending them. So we conclude that a preacher ought to be supported by the churches for all his time, so he can give all his time to the preaching of the gospel of God our Father.

W. O. THORNLEY,

O. W. HOUSTON, Committee.

After remarks by A. J. Morris, W. G. Gray, S. Barber and others, the committee's report was adopted.

The Devotional Committee reported that Eld. W. O. Thornley preach at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the Association took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

During recess, Eld. W. O. Thornley preached an interesting sermon from Mark 11:28, "And say unto them by what authority dost thou these things, and who gave thee this authority to do these things." Theme, "The Authority of the Church."

Thursday Afternoon.

The Association opened with a song; prayer was led by Bro. T. R. Nichols.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to select the place for the next meeting, and some one to preach the Introductory Sermon; which resulted in the selection of Tombigbee Church with Eld. G. S. Rayburn to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Eld. J. B. Laden as alternate.

Then the Committee on Discipline reported as follows:

We believe the authority to discipline is vested in the church alone, and the Scriptures teach strict discipline of its members. For we find in Second Thes. 3:6, this Scripture: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and not after the tradition which he received of us."

Also the Bible furthermore teaches: "Mark them that cause division among you, and have no company for them," and many other things that lead us to believe in decency and in order.

W. WOOD,

W. H. LEIGH,

W. C. NICHOLS, Committee.

The committee's report was adopted without remarks.

The Committee on Publications reported as follows: The Bible of course is the Book of all books and should be read in preference to any other, so we recommend it to the churches with any sound literature on it, and we find the Baptist and Commoner printed at Little Rock, Ark., to be sound and true gotten out by the Sunday School committee at Texarkana, Ark.

We also recommend The Landmark Sunday School literature helpful in the study of God's word.

G. S. RAYBURN,

L. C. BARNES,

J. F. GARDNER, Committee.

After remarks by Eld. G. Rayburn et al., the committee's report was adopted.

Then the Committee on Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning reported as follows:

Almost every community is today throbbing with Christian educational needs. Lift up your eyes and behold and you can see this great need everywhere. Oh! that the parents

everywhere would make a heroic sacrifice to give their children a better education. The impulse to gain new knowledge to life is clearly the dominant impulse of our times. Every boy and every girl in our communities today ought to be in school. As our boys made the heroic sacrifice on the battlefields of France as they went over the top, so may the parents of these boys and girls make the heroic sacrifice to get them in the best schools possible. Where the teaching may be in the true way. Which not only leads to better things in this life, but to that eternal home where God is. May we realize when we are giving our means and our lives for our children and others that they may become better men and women, that we are giving to God. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal. (Matt. 6:19-20).

We learn from this that when we are living right, doing right, and giving right, we are laying up our treasures in Heaven.

We have heard peoplesay that so and so's boy's or girl's education just made a fool of them. If they are fools they were fools before they got their education, and it was not the education that made fools out of them.

May God help us to realize the great needs of our land and country, and we believe one of the greatest needs is education.

We, therefore, recommend the following colleges: Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; Mississippi Heights Academy, Blue Mt., Miss., for boys; Blue Mt. College, Blue Mt., Miss., for girls, and Jacksonville, Tex., and Sheridan, Ark., for both sexes.

W. O. THORNLEY,

A. E. SANDLIN,

J. E. EDGE, Committee.

After remarks by W. O. Thornley and others, the committee's report was adopted.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

We, the United Baptist Church in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of all Associations, according to the following plan:

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white and female members; time of meeting; number of Baptists received by letter; restored, dismissed by letter; ex-

cluded; died since last Association; the name of pastor and postoffice.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from any of the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

Art. 4. Every church in our Union may be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for every 100 members above 100 or fraction thereof; should any neglect to present herself, she shall state the reason in her next letter to the Association.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body, who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

Art. 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

Art. 7. This Association shall elect a Moderator annually from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also, a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

Art. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

Art. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, and which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, elected by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him as Treasurer.

Art. 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

Art. 11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also time and place for next Association.

Art. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union only when established by a sister church.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at

any time by two-thirds of the churches comprising this body.
 Art. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
 2. We believe that the Scriptures teach there is but one living and true God, that these three persons in this one God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and this triune God is the only object of all religious worship, and idolatry is an abomination in His sight.
 3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved; and as a natural consequence all his posterity are involved in the consequences of his fall.
 4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have all sinned.
 5. We believe that the God has provided a way of salvation and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of His Son; that this way of salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
 6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption is derived alone through the merits of Christ.
 7. We believe Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time, our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness before God.
 8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the gospel plain and acceptable to him.
 9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.
 10. We believe that all who are called the saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.
 11. We believe that Christ's churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change in heart, and who have been regularly baptized.
- We believe that the government of the church is not left

in the hands of any one man or number of men distinct from the body, but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day, is sanctified and set apart for the worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation, of labor, except so much as may be devoted to work of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God, as He in His providence, may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His churches—viz., Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That Baptism is the emersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper, and none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but no vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question: If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

Art. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover of the Association.

Art. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever

the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reprov'd by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems it necessary.

Then, on motion, Bro. S. Barber was recommended as general superintendent of Sunday schools.

Then, there being no further business, the Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to this church and community for their kind hospitality toward us during this session of the Association.

W. M. GILLENLINE,

A. J. MORRIS,

J. T. MALONE, Committee.

On motion the committee report was adopted.

A song was sung and the parting hand given. Thus closed the Sixty-eighth Session of the Judson Association.

Eld. W. G. GRAY, Moderator.

M. M. GRAY, Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Churches	Pastor & P. O.	Days of Meeting	Sunday S. Expenses	Membership	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Value of Church Property	Orphanage	Minutes and Clerk	Incidentals	Clerks	Postoffice
Friendship	W. O. Thornley, Sattilo, Miss.	2nd		156	\$128.25	10.00	\$6.80		\$2,050		\$4.00		Halbert Barnette, Baldwin, Miss.	
Mantachie	W. O. Thornley, Sattilo, Miss.	3rd		88	166.25	10.00			1,150		3.00		B. F. Chilcoat, Ratliff, Miss.	
Unity	W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.	2nd	11.00	79	100.00	17.37					3.00		I. C. Raper, Baldwin, Miss.	
Evergreen	W. O. Thornley, Sattilo, Miss.	4th	5.00	82	100.00				800		2.25		W. R. Mullins, Dorsey, Miss.	
Tombichsee	G. S. Rayburn, Ratliff, Miss.	2nd	9.00	104	100.00	43.50	4.50	0.50			3.00		Z. N. Hodges, Ratliff, M. ss.	
Hopewell	W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.	4th		249	140.00	50.00			1,500		5.00		M. M. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.	
Liberty	M. V. Owings	1st		180	15.00	25.00			1,000		1.55		essie Owings, Nettleton, Miss.	
Shiloh	G. S. Rayburn, Ratliff, Miss.	4th	6.18	40	125.00	84.50	7.50		1,000		2.00		O. W. Houston, Marietta, Miss.	
Ratliff	W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.	3rd			46.00	10.00			1,000		4.45		T. R. Nichols, Ratliff, M. ss.	
Mt. Vernon	W. O. Thornley, Sattilo, Miss.	1st	3.75	172	125.00	38.77	5.00		6.00	1.70	3.00		V. A. Adams, Fulton, Miss.	
Oakgrove	J. B. Loden, Dorsey, Miss.	2nd		243	90.95	25.11		1.00	-1,000		4.00		I. T. Rushing, Ratliff, Miss.	
Bethel									300		3.17		R. S. Sheffield, Dorsey, Miss.	

B. F. CHILCOAT, D. C. RAPER, J. G. JARRELL, Finance Committee reports the above and their report was adopted.

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Minutes of the
Seventieth Annual Session
OF THE
Judson Baptist Association

Held with the Bethel Baptist Church
September, 12, 13, 14, 1922.



OFFICERS

ELDER W. G. GRAY, Mod.

J. C. RAPER, Clerk

T. R. NICHOLS, Treas.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING--Fellowship Baptist Church
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

JUDSON ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
Bethel, Itawamba County, Mississippi
September 12, 13, 14, 1922

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday after the Second Lord's Day in September 1923,
with the church at Fellowship, Lee County, 3 miles east of
Saltillo.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

ELDER W. G. GRAY, Moderator	Dorsey, Miss.
J. C. RAPER, Clerk	Baldwyn, Miss.
T. R. NICHOLS, Treasurer	Ratliff, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. S. Rayburn	Ratliff, Miss.
D. R. Raper	Ratliff, Miss.
A. E. Sandlin; W. G. Gray	Dorsey, Miss.
W. O. Thornley	Saltillo, Miss.
J. B. Loden	Dorsey, Miss.
W. W. Jarrell	Fulton, Miss.
R. E. Tooke	Baldwyn, Miss.
Frank Hobson	Guntown, Miss.
J. R. G. Grigory	Mooresville, Miss.

LICENTIATES—W. D. Cayson, Ratliff, Miss.; D. T. Marshbanks, J. E. Edge, Burt Edge, Baldwyn, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Judson Baptist Association met in its seventeenth annual session with the church at Bethel, Itawamba county, Miss., September 12, 13, and 14, 1922.

Introductory sermon by Elder W. O. Thornley. Text: Matthew 28: 19, 20. Theme; "The Commission."

The Association took a recess until 2 p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother S. Barber.

The list of churches was called and letters presented. Brothers S. Barber and B. E. Bourland were appointed reading clerks and the names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethel—W. A. Chatham, A. T. Beene, R. S. Sheffield, J. M. Tackett and Mrs. Leona Comer

Mantachie—S. H. Turner, A. J. Morris, G. M. Bailey, and C. H. Beene, alternate.

Tombigbee—G. S. Rayburn, W. E. Walker, W. L. Hodges and R. Houston.

Unity—Dexter Raper, W. M. Gillentine, J. C. Raper and J. R. Raper, alternate.

Sandy Springs—S. M. Wheatherford, L. M. Thomas, R. W. Jimmerson, Burley Brazell and W. M. Spencer, alternate.

Mt. Vernon—Jim Waddle, W. B. Adams, W. H. Rouse, and J. G. Jarrell.

Oak Grove—T. H. Cayson, W. H. Leigh, N. N. Farrar, H. S. Farrar and S. Barber, alternate

Friendship—A. L. Magers, R. E. Took, D. P. Magers, and A. J. Martin, alternate.

Evergreen—Shellie Nabers, Shellie Armstrong, W. R. Mullins and P. W. Duncan, alternate.

Ratliff—D. T. Marshbanks, W. C. Nichols, D. R. Raper, T. R. Nichols.

Hopewell—A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray, T. E. Wallace, E. H. Moore, M. M. Gray, and W. Wood, alternate.

Fellowship—H. C. Cruber, G. H. McKisit, W. C. Cruber, W. J. Sandlin, alternate.

On motion the Association entered into permanent organization. B. E. Bourland and Elders E. M. Young and D.

D. Dulaney were appointed tellers of the election. Result: Moderator, W. G. Gray; Clerk, J. C. Raper; Treasurer, W. T. Nichols.

The moderator called for petitionary letters. Providence Baptist Church presented a letter which was read, and said church, by motion, was received and messengers seated as follows: W. O. Thornley, J. R. McDonald, W. F. Whitaker, and Frank Dodd, alternate.

The Moderator announced the following committees:
Arrangements—W. E. Walker, Dexter Raper, and R. S. Sheffield.

Devotional—Huby Farrar, F. C. Wallace, W. C. Nichols, with deacons of this church.

On motion speeches were limited to five minutes and three minutes for the second speech on each subject.

By motion, visitors—Elder D. D. Dulaney from Mt. Zion Church; R. G. Bonds and wife, D. E. Pruett and wife from Mt. Joy Church, Tishomingo County, J. T. Robertson from Mt. Pleasant church, Elders E. M. Young and J. W. Davis were seated with us.

The committee on Arrangement reported same order of business as last year except reports of committees on Sunday Schools and music to be followed by reports of Superintendents of Sunday Schools and of Music.

The Devotional Committee reported that there would be preaching tonight by Elder R. E. Tooke and Wednesday at 11 o'clock by Elder G. S. Raburn. Sermon at night by Elder Robert Tooke. Text: Daniel 2:44.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, by singing. The 116 Psalm was read by Elder W. G. Gray. Prayer by D. T. Marshbanks.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Sustentation—Shellie Armstrong, G. M. Bailey, W. B. Adams, R. Houston.

Temperance—A. E. Sandlin, J. M. Tackett, A. L. Magers

Fraternal Dead—S. H. Turner, W. A. Chatham, J. G. Jarrell.

Music—S. Barber, Mrs. Leona Comer, H. C. Cruber.

Ministerial Education—R. E. Tooke, W. H. Leigh, G. A. McKiset.

Ministerial Support—W. O. Thornley, D. R. Raper and W. E. Walker.

Church Discipline—R. S. Sheffield, L. M. Thomas, W. L. Hodges.

Publications—D. T. Marshbanks, T. R. Nichols, Burley Brazell.

Colleges and other Institutions—Shellie Nabers, L. H. Bune, W. Wood.

Finance—R. E. Tooke, J. M. Tackett, W. M. Gillentine.

Resolutions—F. E. Wallace, S. H. Turner, D. R. Raper and S. Barber.

By motion, the Association set 3 o'clock Wednesday to select the place of next Association and some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We your committee on Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The lost should be saved through the Lord Jesus Christ was the eternal purpose of God. Ephesians 1:4-5, "According as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, * * * Having predestinated us into the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

Through a knowledge of God's Word men are lead to Christ. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17.

The Apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Romans 1:16.

It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe—1st Corinthians 1:21.

The institution to which this work was committed is the Church. After Jesus had set up his church and after the membership had grown to about 120 and just before he ascended to the Father, he commanded the church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

While they tarried in Jerusalem at His command, they were endowed with power from on high and so went forth to do His bidding.

Since the church is composed of human beings, God uses human instrumentality in carrying on this great work, and so the responsibility has come down to us.

Inasmuch as God has said, "My word shall not return to me void", and your labor is not in vain in the Lord, and too, he said, "I am

with you always even unto the end of the world."

There is no good reason why anyone of his children should neglect much less refuse to enter into the work.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest and he that reaps receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

Speak unto the children of Isreal that they go forward.

D. R. RAPER

M. M. GRAY, Committee.

After remarks by Elders A. E. Sandlin W. G. Gray, E. M. Young, and G. S. Raburn, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

We sincerely believe that we should have and maintain good Sunday Schools in our churches.

For Scriptural references see Nehemiah 8: 1-3; Proverbs 22:6; Luke 4:16 and 31; Deuteronomy 4:10; Romans 12:7.

We believe that these scriptures are sufficient to cause us to believe in Sunday Schools. We believe that a good Sunday School is the church at work and the operation of the entire membership is the only way to have a successful Sunday School.

The things essential for a live Sunday School are the best qualified men scripturally and spiritually and those who have the work at heart, and is willing to make a sacrifice of time and privilege from other gatherings to the upbuilding of the work.

For a superintendent being ever present and seeking an increase in attendance; try to get it in the minds of the older ones that Sunday School is not for young people alone; urge the church to be a Sunday School church and you will see God's name glorified.

Do not be discouraged by small attendance for when a few assemble in My name, I will be with them that to own and to bless.

We teachers should impress that the literature used is from the Bible. No one should teach except prayerful Christians.

We recommend Land Mark Baptist literature.

F. C. WALLACE

W. M. GILLENTE

H. S. TURNER, Committee

After remarks by Elders A. E. Sandlin, W. O. Thornley, D. D. Dulaney G. S. Raburn, W. G. Gray, Brothers S. Barber W. H. Leigh, S. H. Turner, the committee report was adopted.

The association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock. During recess Elder

G. S. Raburn preached. Text, Jude 1:3 and Dueteronomy 32:9. Theme "Earnestly continued for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together by singing. Prayer by W. H. Leigh. The letter from Ballardsville was read and messengers seated as follows: L. P. McCarthy, Virgie Ballard and A. E. Moore.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

I, S. Barber, as General Sunday School Superintendent beg leave to submit the following report.

My work in the Sunday Schools has not been what it should have been. I have visited but few churches this year in direct interest of the Sunday Schools, however, not many times have I let an opportunity pass without speaking to people whom I thought would be interested in the work of the Sunday Schools. I realize that there are many who are not interested in Sunday Schools, people who think that no good can be accomplished in Sunday School work.

I haven't attacked that class of people with as much earnestness and enthusiasm as I should, hoping that they would watch the Sunday Schools and the benefits derived therefrom and by so doing be convinced of the good than can be accomplished by having Sunday Schools. I believe that the church together with the Sunday School worker should put forth some effort to win those who are indifferent to Sunday Schools.

I have lectured only in three churches directly on Sunday Schools, as follows: Tombigbee, Sandy Springs, and Cacy Creek.. I have corresponded with some and talked with many in regard to the Sunday School, and have found that there has been better attendance and interest taken than last year.

I think great good has been accomplished in different ways. The membership has been drawn nearer together, knowledge has been gained, and the young have been benefited. The Sunday School Convention was a great success. It seemed to me that the glory of God was in it from the beginning to the end. I could read out from the expressions on the faces of God's people, great joy and happiness they were receiving from the excellent songs, recitations and essays that were being displayed before the people.

The greatest evidence of all to me were those sweet expressions that came from the old soldiers for the Cross as their hearts were filled to overflowing with the love of God in their hearts. It made me to know that there is something in practicing the examples that

are laid down in the books of all books.

I know it is a source from which we can obtain a storehouse of knowledge that will make the individual better, it will make the community better, it will make the county, state, and nation better. It is a guide we can go to daily for information.

May God bless the Sunday Schools in trying to help bring such conditions around should be the prayer of all Baptist people.

Respectfully submitted,

S. BARBER

After remarks by S. Barber, Elders W. G. Gray and A. E. Sandlin, the report was adopted.

On motion, Brother Huby Farrar was endorsed as General Sunday School Superintendent of the Association.

The committee on State of Religion and the committee on Associational Missions made the following reports:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION

After studying the letters that were given by the different churches of the Judson Association, and also after receiving information from members who have done mission work in the Association, find that the State of Religion has improved yet it is not up to what it should be.

We find in some places that the State of Religion is at a very low ebb. Brethern, we should reinforce our efforts and assist the weak places that they may be strengthened and that the State of Religion may improve more rapidly in the Judson Association.

S. M. WEATHERFORD

W. H. ROUSE

D. R. ROPER, Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We think that Associational Missions are very important since there are so many places that need the Gospel. There are destitute places yet. We believe it to be the duty of the Churches to preach the Gospel in every nook and corner and especially of our Association.

We believe that the churches should center on a missionary to go to these destitute places as much as he can.

A. J. MORRIS

ELDER G. S. RABURN

A. T. BEENE, Committee

After remarks by Elders A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray, E. M. Young, G. S. Raburn, W. W. Morse and W. O. Thornley, the reports were adopted.

The Association selected the Fellowship Baptist Church for the 1923 session of the Association and Elder W. G. Gray to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder G. S. Rayburn. alternate.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Brethren, since the last session of our Association, I have done some missionary work in and around the Association. I have preached at the following places: Paden, Tishomingo County; Maple Springs, Fawn Grove, Palestine, Itawamba County; Priceville, Lee county; Reform, Choctow County.

The Ratliff Church received three by baptism coming from the Methodist church of Palestine.

I have traveled 544 miles and received \$49.00. My railroad expenses were \$16.00.

Brethren the field is white unto harvest so let us wake up to our duty and give the lost the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. RABURN

After remarks by D. T. Marshbanks, and G. S. Raburn, the report was adopted.

The Association endorsed Elder G. S. Rayburn as missionary.

By motion the Association asked the messengers to get their churches to aid Elder G. S. Raburn in a financial way in this work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION

We find that Sister Lizzie Hanks is in destitute circumstances. We recommend that such persons should be looked after.

We find in God's Word that it is our duty to look after the needy James says, "Pure and undefiled religion is to visit the widows and orphans in their afflictions and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Respectfully submitted

SHELLIE ARMSTRONG

G. M. BAILEY

R. HOUSTON, Committee

On motion the above report was amended by the addition of Brother J. W. Wylmond and A. J. Herring to the list and that the funds be divided equally. After remarks by Elders W. W. Morse, A. E. Sandlin, G. S. Raburn, and Brother W. H. Leigh the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed W. A. Chatham, Dexter Raper, Maud and Mable Gillentine to take up a collection for those who were reported in destitute circumstances.

The Devotional Committee reported that Elder D. R. Raper preach

at night and Elder W. G. Gray preach Thursday at 11 o'clock.

By motion the Association adjourned until 8 o'clock Thursday. During the night session D. R. Raper preached an interesting sermon.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association came together pursuant to adjournment by singing. The 37th Psalm was read and prayer was led by Elder A. E. Sandlin.

Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Since the Bible teaches us to live temperate lives, we earnestly insist on the children of God living temperate lives daily. Proverbs 23rd chapter teaches temperance in eating. 1st Corinthians 9th chapter and 25th verse teaches temperance in all things. Ephesians 5:18 admonishes us to live sober lives. Hence we should not take strong drink at all since one drink intoxicates in some degree. Galatians 5:23 teaches that the fruits of the Spirit is meekness, temperances, against such there is no law.

Proverbs 23:31-32 says, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright."

J. M. TACKET

A. L. MAGERS

ELDER A. E. SANDLIN, Committee

After remarks by Elders G. S. Raburn, W. W. Morse, W. G. Gray, W. O. Thornley, R. E. Tooke, A. E. Sandlin and Brothers W. H. Leigh, R. S. Sheffield, A. J. Morris and J. M. Ballard, the report was adopted.

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We believe in the support of the ministry. Those who do pastor's work and those who are sent as missionaries. We find in Luke 10:7 that the laborer is worthy of his hire. 1st Timothy 5:18 says, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the laborer is worthy of his reward."

The churches should use their ministers as pastors or send them out as missionaries

ELDER W. O. THORNLEY

DEXTER RAPER, Committee

On motion the above report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock. During recess Elder W. G. Gray preached an interesting sermon from Hebrew 12:25. Theme, "The word of God."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

"OUR DEAD"

Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead. We find we have lost by death as follows:

Tombigbee—Brethern Z. N. Hodges, and J. C. Bennett.

Bethel—Sisters Rebecca Watson, Verna Sheffield and Bro. J. C. Ballard.

Evergreen—Brother H. C. Stovall.

Hopewell—Brother W. M. Jenkins, Sisters Mollie Wallace and Jane Gillentine.

Sandy Springs—Brethern Tobe Bennett, and J. W. Lindsey.

Mantachie—Sister Genirie Grimes.

Oak Grove—Sister Mittie Woolridge.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Hence forth they do rest from their labor and their works do follow them.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. TURNER

W. A. CHATHAM

J. G. JARRAL, Committee

After remarks by R. S. Sheffield, W. H. Leigh, S. Barber, Elders A. E. Sandlin, and W. G. Gray the report was adopted.

The committee on Music made the following report:

Music being of Divine origin we should place more importance upon it. Job 38:7. We feel like music should go hand in hand with the Gospel and we think the singing should be sent out by the churches. It matters not what the occasion might be.

In Colossians 3:16 we read "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

We said that, "We believe that singing should be sent out by the churches." We furthermore believe that all leaders recommended or selected by the churches should be upright Christians and members of the church.

We have been in churches where the leaders of the choir had never been born of that Holy Spirit. We think that that would be the blind leading the blind. Again we read in Psalms 57:5-6-7, "God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with a sound of a trumpet. Sing praises unto our King. For God is King of all the earth."

"Sing ye praises with understanding."

A gospel song often reaches the hearts of man in a way that will cause him to think on his way to seek the Lord. Do not tell us that singing is not a part of worship when we read in Acts 16:25. "At midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them."

If we heed those admonitions we will have sacred music taught in our churches by Christian teachers.

S. BARBER

H. C. CRUBER

MRS. LEONA COMER, Committee

After remarks by Elders A. E. Sandlin, D. R. Raper, Brothers R. S. Sheffield, and J. M. Ballard, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MUSIC

Dear Brethren: I am thankful to the Lord for sparing me my life that I might make a report to you concerning the great mission to which you recommended me. That is to elicit the singing interest from the world to the glory of God. As most all will agree that Godly singing in the spirit is a part of Divine worship, and is plainly taught in the New Testament as such and that it is the duty of the churches to elect or commission men of God to this work.

Those who understand the work know it to be a great task but by the help of God much can be accomplished. I very much appreciate the confidence you placed in me but sorry to say that I have not been at work on the job.

My health has been such that I have not been able to be out. But the first cause for me not serving you was that my church, pastor, and I disagreed on the authority that is vested in the church. I contend that the New Testament teaches very plainly that the commission of authority was given to the church to commission men to go out on various missions to work in His kingdom. And not merely recommend them. I may be wrong in my contention if I am I hope to be forgiven and the cause not hindered for I desire the work to be done. I hope the Association will recommend some one to put in the field and carry on this special work of music in the churches and so fulfill the commandment that was given to the churches—"Go teach."

Respectfully submitted

H. C. RUSHING

After remarks by W. H. Leigh, Elder W. G. Gray the report was adopted. On motion Prof. Tracy Beene was recommended as General Superintendent of Music in the Judson Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE

We, your committee on Church Discipline, report as follows:

That it is the duty of the churches to discipline its members. For in 2nd Thessalonians 3:6 we find the following: "Now we command you brethren in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the traditions which he received of us."

Also in the same chapter from the 11th to the 15th verses we find that, "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busy bodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ that with quietness they work and eat their own bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."

And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy but admonish him as a brother."

Since it is clearly taught in the above scriptures and many other scriptures could be used, we recommend that the churches fail not to heed the commandment in a spirit of love and shining light in the church, rendering Christian examples lead many souls to Christ..

W. L. HODGES Committee

R. S. SHEFFIELD

L. M. THOMAS

On motion the above report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

We recommend first the Bible for it is the all sufficient rule of faith and practice. The Bible is the way of God and God is truth, therefore it is the truth because it is the Word of God.

We think there are many other publications that are helpful such as the Land Mark Sunday School literature, the Baptist and Commoner and others too numerous to mention.

Respectfully submitted

T. R. NICHOLS Committee

D. T. MARSHBANKS

B. T. BRAZILL

On motion the above report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

We as Baptists believe that every child should have an opportunity of obtaining a literary education. We believe that every parent should make every effort possible for the education of his children not only

for his own but for others. In order to do this, it is well for us to furnish good accommodations; employ good teachers who have the interest of the children at heart both spiritually and mentally.

We believe in giving our children an opportunity of a higher education, but we must be very careful about the higher institutions because many of them teach erroneous ideas contrary to the Bible.

We recommend Sherdian College Arkansas for our boys and girls.

W. WOOD

C. S. NABERS

L. H. BEENE, Committee

After remarks by Elder W. G. Gray the report was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from churches for Minutes and Clerk	\$41.07
For Sustentation	17.58
Total	\$58.65

R. E. TOOKE

W. M. GILLENLINE

J. M. TACKETT, Committee

On motion the above report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Minutes and Clerk	\$41.07
For Sustentation	17.58
Total	\$58.65

T. R. NICHOLS, Treasurer

On motion the report of the Committee on resolutions was adopted
That the Association offer their heartfelt thanks to the Bethel
That the Association offer their heartfelt thanks to the Bethel church and community for the hospitality shown the mesesngers and visiting members of the Association.

D. R. RAPER

S. BARBER, Committee

A song was sung and the parting hand was given during which many were made happy, expressing their joy by shouting and praising the Lord.

Thus ended the Seventieth Session of the Judson Baptist Association.

ELDER W. G. GRAY, Moderator

J. C. RAPER, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

We, the United Baptist Church in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of all Associations, according to the following plan:

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election shall be entitled to seats.

Article 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white male and female members; time of meeting; number of Baptists received by letter; restored, dismissed by letter; excluded; died since last Association; the name of pastor and post office.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from any of the orthodox principles of the Gospel, either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

Article 4. Every church in our Union may be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for every 100 members above 100 or fraction thereof; should any neglect to present herself, she shall state the reason in her next letter to the Association.

Article 5. New churches may be admitted to this body who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

Article 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

Article 7. This Association shall elect a Moderator annually from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed and take the voice of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

Article 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

Article 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, and which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, elected by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him as Treasurer.

Article 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

Article 11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also time and place of next Association.

Article 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union only when established by a sister church.

Article 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches comprising this body.

Article 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God, that these three persons in this one God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and this triune God is the only object of all religious worship and idolatry is an abomination in His sight.

3. We believe that God created man to be holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved and as a natural consequence all his posterity are involved in the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have all sinned.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of His Son; that this way of salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification and redemption is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe Jesus Christ the eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness before God.

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the Gospel plain and acceptable to him.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called the saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

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11. We believe that Christ's churches are to be formed of believers in Christ who give evidence of change of heart and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man or number of men distinct from the body but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week called the Lord's Day is sanctified and set apart for the worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting; trifling conversation of labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God, as He in His providence may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That Baptism is emersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism preceeds the Lord's Supper and none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

Article 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Article 4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

Article 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

Article 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

Article 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Article 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

Article 9. The names of members shall be called whenever Asso-

ciation shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Article 10. The appellation of 'Brother' shall be used by members in addressing each other.

Article 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

Article 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems it necessary.



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STATISTICAL TABLE — JUDSON ASSOCIATION

Churches	S. S. Expenses	Pastor's Salary	Visiting ministers	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minutes and Clerk	Value of property	Incidentals	Sustentation	Pastors	Membership	Day of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Lost by letter	Lost by death	Excluded
Ratiff	\$ 5.92	\$100.00	\$ 3.50	\$35.00		\$2.00	\$1500	\$	\$	G. S. Raburn	62	4					
Hopewell	13.24	101.53	39.00	13.00		4.15	1500	10.00	36.85	W. G. Gray	256	1	7		2	3	1
Oak Grove	4.36	125.00				3.55	1000		1.10	W. O. Thornley	187	1	13	6	5	1	
Ballardsville						2.00				A. J. Darling	103	3					
Cacy Creek										G. S. Raburn		3					
Evergreen				7.00		1.95	1500			W. G. Gray	86					1	2
Bethel		30.00		8.25		2.35	350	60.00		I. T. Robertson	242					3	1
Friendship	6.00	101.85				2.25	1600			W. O. Thornley	142	2	13	1	15		
Sandy Springs		17.00	11.00			2.70				D. D. Dulaney	147	1	8		1	2	1
Mt. Vernon		30.00	5.00			1.50	800	27.00		J. M. Scott	45	4	3	1			
Unity	3.50					3.25	350			G. S. Raburn	89	1	4	5	8		
Liberty																	
Mantachie	13.00	122.15				2.75	1200	182.50		W. O. Thornley	106	3	17	2	4	1	
Lombigbee	5.00		2.25			3.00		22.50		G. S. Raburn	114	2	5	5	5	2	
Shilo																	
Fellowship		50.00	15.00			1.55		5.00		Frank Monaghan	164	2		3	4		7
Providence						4.12				W. O. Thornley	36	4	13	7			

Associational Mission, Hopewell, \$9.00
 Mt. Joy, Tishomingo County, minutes fund \$1.50.
 Orphanage, Fellowship, \$11.50.

The above is a report of Finance Committee and their report was adopted.

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